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Chief Executive Officer

County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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May 20, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOTS - CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS 2 LIGHTING DISTRICT (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT:

The letter recommends approval of a proposed lighting district within the City of Los Angeles' Chinatown area at an initial cost of \$6,958 per year.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Support the proposed assessments on County-owned properties within the boundaries of the new Chinatown Streetscape Improvements 2 Lighting District (District) for operation and maintenance of public street lighting at an annual cost of \$6,958, and direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to cast the ballots supporting the assessments for the properties.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Support for the proposed District will allow for the operation and maintenance of lighting systems within the proposed District, which contains various County-owned parcels identified in Attachment A.

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

YVONNE B. BURKE
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Fifth District

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we ensure the quality of life through community services that meet the needs of the specific community (Goal 6) and increase public safety and security of all residents (Goal 8). Support for the benefit assessment against these County properties to increase security and maintenance programs fills an identified need and supports these strategies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed District's total assessment amount of \$81,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 is to provide funding for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the public street lighting system, including the public right-of-way or easements that have been or will be installed within the District. The total assessment to be levied on the County properties for FY 2009-10 is \$6,958. Thereafter, the annual assessments may be adjusted for any increases not to exceed the Consumer Price Index, normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases, or by a re-balloting of property owners.

The levy will be paid by the Rent Expense Budget and charged to the occupying department, Internal Services Department-Purchasing and Contract Services. Sufficient funding will be proposed in the FY 2009-10 budget to service the required appropriations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly owned properties are no longer exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the proposed assessment.

The method of assessment for this District is determined by the parcel's size, land use and the type of lighting system(s) benefiting the properties.

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It has been determined that the services to be financed by the District will be of sufficient benefit to warrant your Board's support. Accordingly, we are recommending that your ballots be completed as supporting the assessments.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this benefit assessment will enhance public safety of the public right-of-way streets and highways within the District.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted stamped Board letter to the CEO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and one copy to the Chief Executive Office-Operations.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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WLD:RC:ns

Attachment (1)

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department

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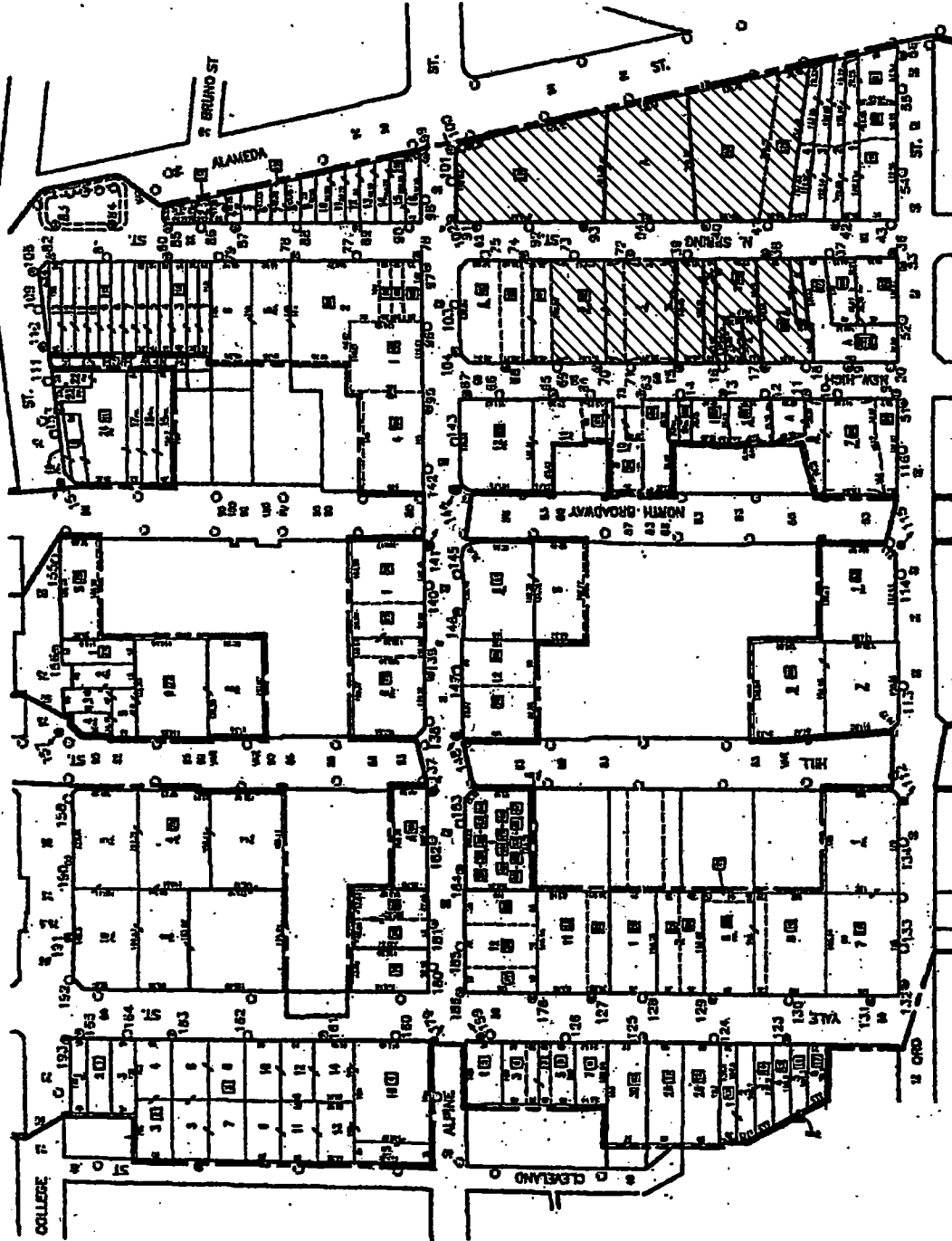
ATTACHMENT A
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
PROPOSED NEW CHINATOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS 2
LIGHTING DISTRICT
(FISCAL YEAR 2009-10)

<u>ASSESSOR PARCEL NO./ LOCATION</u>	<u>\$ ASSESSMENT</u>
5408-025-900 PARKING LOT (DOWNTOWN MULTI-DEPT LOT 45) 725 N SPRING ST, LOS ANGELES	\$ 471.76
5408-026-903 PARKING LOT (DOWNTOWN MULTI-DEPT LOT 45) 725 N SPRING ST, LOS ANGELES	1,415.28
5408-027-902 PARKING LOT (DOWNTOWN MULTI-DEPT LOT 45) 725 N SPRING ST, LOS ANGELES	943.52
5408-028-908 PARKING/MAINT GARAGE (ALAMEDA STREET GARAGE) 1055 N ALAMEDA ST, LOS ANGELES	471.76
5408-028-909 PARKING/MAINT GARAGE (ALAMEDA STREET GARAGE) 1055 N ALAMEDA ST, LOS ANGELES	2,712.62
5408-028-910 PARKING/MAINT GARAGE (ALAMEDA STREET GARAGE) 1055 N ALAMEDA ST, LOS ANGELES	943.52
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AREA MAP

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CHINATOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS 2 L.D.

PREPARED BY BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING

LEGEND
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
TRAFFIC LIGHT
NEW INTERSECTION
EXISTING STREETLIGHT
CITY ASSIGNMENT NUMBER
LOT 1/2

15-Use (West) 2455.00.00 0000 000000 Chinatown Streetscape Improvements



NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

FOR THE FORMATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT:

CHINATOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS 2

NOTE: Ballots must be received by Friday, May 30, 2008



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OFFICIAL PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENT BALLOT

STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT : "CHINATOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS 2"

PROPERTY OWNER : L A COUNTY

VOTE HERE

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YES, I am IN FAVOR of the proposed Street Lighting Assessment District. I understand that I will be assessed \$471.76 annually for the operation and maintenance of the street light(s) adjacent to my property.

Election: 2455
City Parcel: 13154-098
County APN: 5408-025-900

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NO, I am OPPOSED to the proposed Street Lighting Assessment District. I understand that a majority NO vote will cause the streetlight(s) not to be installed; or if already installed, turned off and removed from service.

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1. **Proposed Annual Assessment (Your Property):** \$1,415.28 for FY 2009-10. *
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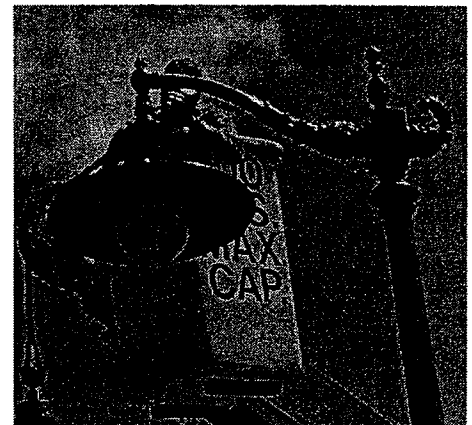
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PROPERTY OWNER : L A CO. CAPITAL ASSET LEASING ATTN: ROGER CAMPBELL

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2. **Proposed Annual Assessment (Entire District):** \$80,999.91 for FY 2009-10.
3. **Duration of the Proposed Assessment:** Annually on your Property Tax Bill.
4. **Reason for the Assessment:** To pay for the cost of operating, servicing and maintaining local street lighting. These costs include, but are not limited to electricity, lamps, fixtures, poles, wires, repair crews and vehicles and other items necessary to operate streetlights in the City of Los Angeles.
5. **Balloting Results:** The District will be formed and the assessment in the amount listed on the enclosed ballot will be imposed unless a majority of the ballots are returned opposing the assessment. Installed streetlights will be removed from service. Ballots are weighted proportionally by each parcel's assessment amount. (\$1 = 1 vote.)



OFFICIAL PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENT BALLOT

STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT : "CHINATOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS 2"

PROPERTY OWNER : L A CO. CAPITAL ASSET LEASING ATTN: ROGER CAMPBELL

VOTE HERE

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YES, I am IN FAVOR of the proposed Street Lighting Assessment District. I understand that I will be assessed \$943.52 annually for the operation and maintenance of the street light(s) adjacent to my property.

Election: 2455
City Parcel: 13154-117
County APN: 5408-028-910

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NO, I am OPPOSED to the proposed Street Lighting Assessment District. I understand that a majority NO vote will cause the streetlight(s) not to be installed; or if already installed, turned off and removed from service.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I am the record owner, or the authorized representative of the record owner, of the parcel identified above.

(All fields below must be completed in order for your ballot to be counted.)

NAME

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

(Property Owner, Authorized Rep., etc.)